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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM'S CARGO FLIGHTS

1. PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS (PAA) HAS REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM NICARAGUAN CIVAIR AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT ONE-DIRECTIONAL ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS: PANAMA-MANAGUA-GUATEMALA-MIAMI. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES ARE REPORTEDLY INSISTING THAT ALL PAA'S FLIGHTS BE ROUNDTRIP AS SPECIFIED IN PAA'S NICARAGUAN OPERATING PERMIT.

2. ACCORDING TO PAA, AIRLINE'S MANAGUA REP HELD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS DURING LAST MONTH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR CONDUCTING NORTHBOUND ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS. THE FLIGHTS WOULD BYPASS MANAGUA ON SOUTHBOUND LEG ON WAY TO TERMINAL POINT, PANAMA. NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ALLOW ANY
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DEVIATION FROM TERMS OF PERMIT, INSISTING THAT ALL

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FLIGHTS BE ROUNDTRIP. NO OTHER JUSTIFICATION WAS GIVEN FOR NICARAGUAN POSITION. PAA REP HAD ALSO EXPRESSED WISH TO ELIMINATE INTERMEDIATE STOP, GUATEMALA, FROM ITINERARY

OF REQUESTED FLIGHTS, BUT AGREED TO RETAIN STOP AFTER ENCOUNTERING NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH PAA REP AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF PAA. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS: U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HAS ISSUED NICARAGUAN CARRIER, LANICA, FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT WHICH WOULD PERMIT OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY OF TYPE SOUGHT BY PAA; U.S. PERMITS ARE ISSUED ON BASIS OF COMITY AND RECIPROCITY; NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD SHOW RECIPROCITY TO U.S. AIRLINE

BY PERMITTING DESIRED FLIGHTS TO TAKE PLACE; ROUTING OF FLIGHTS PROPOSED BY PAA APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH NICARAGUAN AIRLINE OPERATING PERMIT, SINCE COMMON INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE IN ISSUING SUCH PERMITS IS TO DEFINE UPPER LIMITS OF PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITY, NOT IMPOSE MINIMUMS. INGERSOLL

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